

Billionaire's Alive, Well -- Still The Boss



HOWARD HUGHES
Alive and still boss

DA Talks With Howard Hughes

Foul Play Rumors Are Dispelled

By TERRY RYAN
Associated Press Writer

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — Dist. Atty. George Franklin said today he had talked by telephone with Howard Hughes and quoted the billionaire recluse as saying he was simply combining a long-needed vacation with a business trip in the Bahamas.

Franklin said it was a three-way talk, also including Gov. Paul Laxalt.

Franklin was asked, in an interview with radio station KLAC, Los Angeles, if Hughes indicated there was an internal power struggle for control of his big stake in Nevada gambling and possibly his entire industrial and financial complex.

"Absolutely no way," said Franklin. "He's merely firing a couple of people that were working for him."

PENTHOUSE SEARCHED
Sheriff's deputies searched Hughes' penthouse retreat on the Las Vegas Strip Sunday and reported they found no trace of Hughes. The search was made amid reports of a power struggle among rival factions in the Hughes empire and that Hughes was ailing.

Franklin said his talk with Hughes did not touch on the search.

The sheriff's department reported that a doctor who treated Hughes Nov. 5 said he was too ill to be moved anywhere except to a hospital.

IN POOR SHAPE
The doctor said Hughes at that time was suffering from pneumonia, anemia and a heart condition and had received blood transfusions, a sheriff's officer said.

Hughes, 64, disappeared Nov. 25 from the penthouse atop his Desert Inn hotel.

Undersheriff Lloyd Bell, who led a 10-man sweep of the penthouse, said the search was prompted by reports that foul play may have been involved in Hughes' disappearance.

Though they had no warrant, the deputies searched all but Hughes' locked personal room before being asked to leave.

"On the basis of what we

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Good Fellow Office Hums With Music

It's Christmas Song For Forty Years

Herald-Press Good Fellow headquarters is humming with the sound of Christmas and building up in a crescendo of happiness is the pleasant tinkling of silver and the rustling of greenbacks and checks.

The Good Fellow symphony has been playing the same Christmas notes for 40 years and like Christmas music it holds a special place in our hearts.

Snip, slip, rustle went the Good Fellow bookkeeper's letter opener and out tumbled a total of \$24 and that raised the total to date to \$1,024 and leaves us just \$2,476 from the goal of \$3,500.

Like Christmas music, the Good Fellow campaign presents a serious theme in a light-hearted way. There can be no more serious holiday than Christmas — indeed our whole way of life is based on the theme represented by the coming of the Messiah.

Christmas is so important to the youngsters and the role that Good Fellows have taken for themselves it can be summed up simply by saying: lest Santa forget.

Christmas is a time for remembering and those forgotten at Christmas feel it so much more. That is why some of the Good Fellow gifts go to those in convalescent homes who are so alone at this time of the year.

The Christmas march as played by today's band of Good Fellows opens with a number played by The Twin City Junior Drum, Bugle and Fire Corps. (The number is \$25.)

Then a senior citizen chimed in with \$5 and Lisa and Laura Miller sang a duet that added \$2 more to the fund. Shelly and Sean Ebbert each gave \$1 and that was another hit tune for

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15 SHOPPING DAYS
TIL CHRISTMAS

THE HERALD-PRESS
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In Brazil

Swiss Envoy Is Kidnaped

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Ambassador Giovanni Enrico Bucher of Switzerland was kidnaped today by terrorists who shot a Brazilian government agent assigned to guard him.

The Swiss Embassy said Bucher was on his way to his office in his car. The car was blocked by the terrorists, the ambassador removed and the agent shot as he attempted to stop the abduction, the embassy reported.

The agent was reported to have been wounded by the gunfire.

It is Brazil's fourth political kidnaping in a rash of such seizures that began with the abduction of U.S. Ambassador C.

Burke Elbrich on Sept. 4, 1969, in Rio de Janeiro. He was released after the military government freed 15 prisoners held in connection with politically inspired crimes.

The other kidnapings in Brazil were of Consul Nobuo Okuchi of Japan in Sao Paulo last March and Ambassador Ehrenfried von Hollenben of West Germany last June. Both were freed upon the government's release of political prisoners.

SEIZURE SWIFT

According to initial reports of Bucher's seizure the terrorists carried out their mission in no more than two minutes. He was hustled into another care and

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ICY AFTERMATH: Sheaths of ice on tree and rear of water plant pumping station at Lions beach, St. Joseph, tell of gale-driven waves that hit western shore of Lake Michigan over weekend. St. Joseph city workmen dumped nearly 200 truckloads of rock to reinforce permanent breakwaters extending

from shore. Despite spectacular pounding of waves, damage in Twin Cities area was minimal. South Haven area suffered far worse damage. See additional pictures and stories on pages 3 and 17. (Staff photo by Ralph Lutz)

Marathon Talks Being Held

Ford Is Racing Deadline

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Associated Press Writer

DETROIT (AP) — Bargainers for Ford Motor Co. and the United Auto Workers Union negotiated through the night in hopes of winding up a new three-year contract for 166,000 workers before today's midnight strike deadline.

The marathon session between the union and the nation's No. 2 automaker began at 11 a.m. Sunday, as sources for both sides said they were striving to reach agreement before adjourning.

TRADITIONAL SIGN
Meanwhile, UAW and Ford workers ranging from public re-

lations personnel to photographers, waited nearby — a traditional sign an announcement is in the offing.

The UAW took its contract demands to Ford in hopes of matching or bettering the pact it won with General Motors Corp. last month, following a 67-day strike.

The UAW's 200-member Ford Council was scheduled to meet later today. If a tentative agreement is reached, the council must vote on whether to recommend that the rank-and-file ratify it.

Ford previously made a new offer to the UAW, which was based on the recent GM settle-

ment. The GM settlement was attacked by the White House last Tuesday as being inflationary, especially if it were spread throughout the nation's economy.

UAW President Leonard Woodcock criticized the White House statement, characterizing it as an "attempt to shift the blame" for the failure of the Nixon Administration's misguided economic policies to the shoulders of General Motors Workers.

In the GM settlement, the average autoworker's hourly wage was increased 51 cents to \$4.53, the ceiling was removed on the cost-of-living

wage escalator, and early retirement benefits were added. In the later, workers with 30 years service at age 58 will be allowed the option to retire at a \$500 monthly pension in the second year of the three-year pact. The age limit was reduced to 56 for the third contract year.

Ford and Chrysler Corp. were given immunity when the contracts expired Sept. 14, while the UAW conducted its strike against GM on a pattern-setting agreement.

After achieving it, the UAW set a strike deadline for mid-night today against Ford. No strike deadline has been set for Chrysler Corp. or for Ford's

Canadian operation.

STILL ON STRIKE

The UAW still has not resolved a strike against GM of Canada Ltd., where 23,000 workers have been off the job since mid-September.

The prospect loomed that some Ford plants could still be closed, despite any national agreement. Sources said that some union locals, which did not

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Barbers Okay Hike In Prices

Cost Of Living Increase Cited

Members of the Southwestern Michigan Barbers association have voted to increase the price of haircuts to \$2.75, effective next Monday.

Members also voted to close their shops Saturday Dec. 26 and Jan. 2, the days after Christmas and New Year's.

Jerry Post, association president, said the 25 cent increase was found necessary because of increased costs of living.

Post said the last price hike was about two years ago, when hair cuts went from \$2.25 to \$2.50.

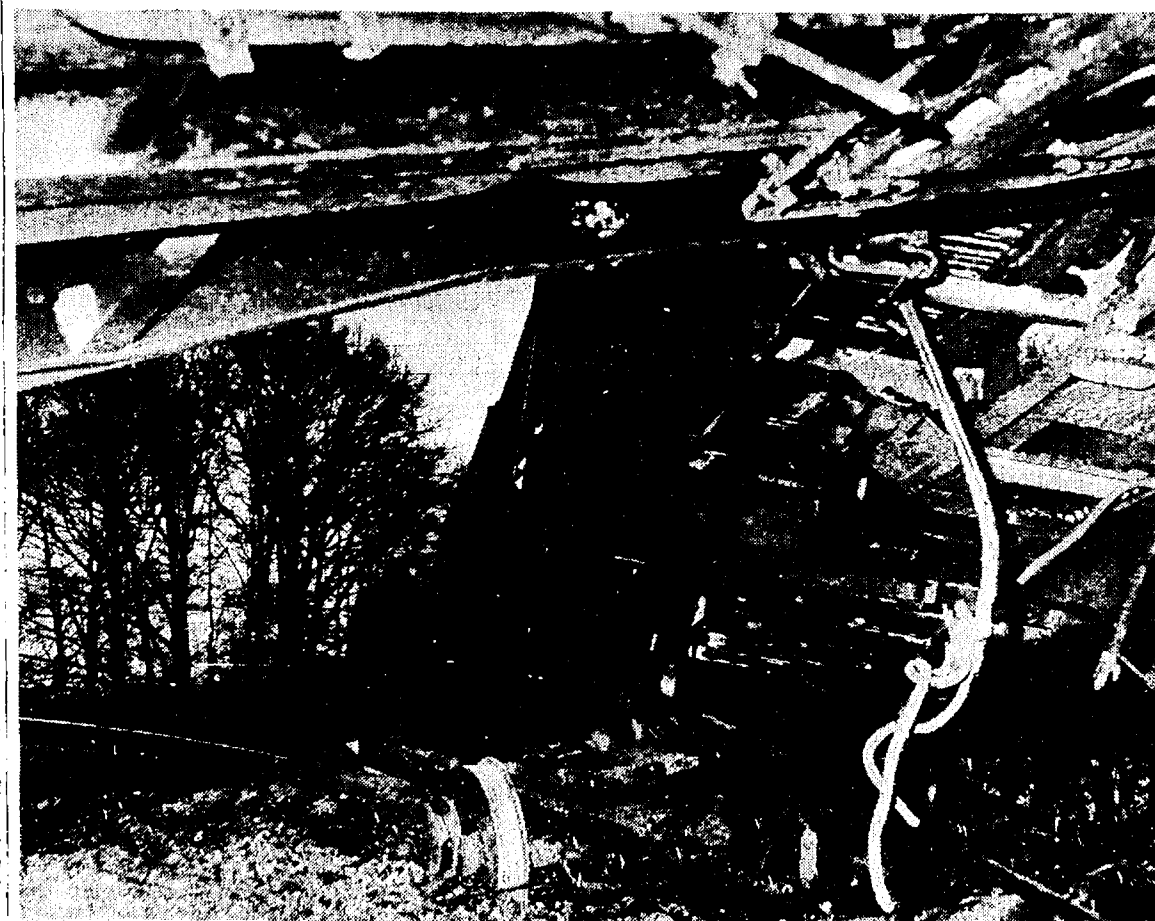
The association vote last week in St. Joseph supported the current increase by a 30 to 2 margin. Post said. Post works at a St. Joseph barber shop. He said association members at the meeting were from the Twin Cities and other area communities, including Eau Claire, Coloma and Berrien Springs.

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Crystal Springs Florist winning
No. 1 060154, 060362, 060216, Adv.



COLOMA DERAILMENT: Coloma city police officers examine twisted wreckage of derailed Chesapeake and Ohio freight train cars near main crossing in Coloma. Ten cars of the 65-car train derailed about 4:55 p.m. Sunday. Police said derailment was apparently caused by frozen brakes

on one box car. The train had stopped earlier in Hartford, police said, because of trouble with the brakes. Tracks are expected to be cleared this afternoon, according to railroad spokesman. Related picture and story on first page, second section. (Staff photo)

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Editorial Page

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Double Talk

Grounding The SST

When things momentarily turn dull in Washington or, as is the more frequent course of events, when answers to important questions go begging, the conversation can always turn to the supersonic transport plane.

Lyndon Johnson launched the SST concept during his tenure and the Nixon Administration has adopted it as a high priority measure.

Described briefly, the SST is a flying ocean liner in passenger and cargo capacity that would streak through the stratosphere faster than sound.

The British and the French are combining their talents and money on one version. The Russians are working on a prototype.

The economic argument for the SST is that the nation first to establish an SST fleet is bound to garner the lion's share of the airborne traffic.

The opposition to the SST takes several turns.

The environmentalists claim the monster's sonic boom will drive people to the madhouse and level buildings for miles around. The exhaust from its massive engines, they further contend, will guarantee the end of whatever pure air now wafts about us.

The economic aspect of the SST draws fire from several directions.

Only a few airports in the world are able to handle such a huge craft. Expanding those ports or creating new ones poses a tremendous financial problem.

Very few air lines are self supporting.

The foreign powers run their major lines either as state owned or heavily subsidized ventures, and if the U.S. lines had to meet all the costs applicable to putting a ship aloft, they would go bankrupt.

Adding the SST to an already stretched market, say the craft's opponents, simply compounds the problem.

Last week the Senate demonstrated the inimitable political twist to the SST opposition.

Tougher Meat

Inspection

The consumer crusade is about to score a major victory — three years after it was originally won. Regulations requiring the states to establish meat inspection standards for local slaughter houses and packing plants equal to those of the federal government went into effect last Tuesday.

The Wholesome Meat Act of 1967 was approved by Congress amid considerable fanfare only after a bitter struggle by consumer groups. It gave the states three years to come up with acceptable programs. Now the grace period has run out. Federal inspectors will fan out on December 15 to see if the regulations are being met. If not, federal inspection standards will apply.

Department of Agriculture officials claimed that only nine states, California, Maryland, Florida, New Mexico, Idaho, Washington, Tennessee, Kansas and South Carolina, have met these standards by Tuesday's deadline. North Dakota has already said it cannot, and federal regulations will apply there. The remaining 40 states were said to be making progress but have yet to qualify.

The nation was shocked three years ago to learn that about 15,000 of the some 17,000 slaughter houses and meat packing plants operating in the country did not come under the Meat Inspection Act of 1907. That act established federal standards of inspection for meat crossing state lines. The purely in-state operations, mostly small and seasonal, produce about 15 per cent of the meat consumed by Americans, especially the poor.

Because they were not involved in interstate commerce, these plants had to satisfy only state inspection regulations. This meant that in seven states they had to meet no standards at all. Those states had no inspection requirements of any kind. Twenty nine states had mandatory regulations of varying degrees of strictness. Another 12 states had voluntary inspection. Two had very limited laws.

Sickening revelations about conditions in the state regulated slaughter houses and packing plants rivaled those made by Upton Sinclair in "The Jungle," the book which brought about the 1907 inspection law. Describing one such plant, an Agriculture Department report stated: "The operation is located in an old building that is falling apart. It is infested with flies, cockroaches and rodents. The whole place smells bad, the stench is terrible."

Sinclair's modern counterpart may have been Ralph Nader. A series of articles he wrote for The New Republic focused attention on conditions in local meat producing operations. Although Rep. Neal Smith (D Iowa) had been trying since 1961 to improve standards, the public was not aroused until Nader pointed out that significant portions of the uninspected meat "are diseased and are processed in grossly unsanitary conditions, and its true condition is masked by latest preservatives, additives and coloring agents."



GLANCING BACKWARDS

LANCERS TEAR UP
—1 Year Ago—
Coach Russ Olin's Lakeshore Lancers are starting the 1969-70 basketball campaign with a clean slate. They made sure of that by ripping up all of the old school and Blossomland conference records.

Dan Rosenhagen was the main shredder as the Lancers delighted their home fans with an opening 116-64 triumph over Cassopolis.

MEET TO HIKE SALES TAX
—10 Years Ago—
Michigan legislators arrived today to raise the state sales tax from three to four cents. Republicans and Democrats alike voiced hope the job would be completed by tonight. Lawmakers, including nearly a score who will leave office at the end of the year, answered the summons of Gov. Williams, who also will soon depart from the capitol.

BRITISH, NAZI RAIDERS DUEL
—30 Years Ago—
A fierce, long-range encounter between a German "U-boat" — disguised raider — and the British armed merchant cruiser Carnarvon Castle in which the British ship suffered "light damage" and the German was said to have fled was reported today by the admiralty.

It was learned authoritatively the battle occurred in the south Atlantic approximately 700 miles northeast of Montevideo, Uruguay, where three British cruisers drove the German pocket battle ship Admiral Graf Spee to self-destruction last December.

BOATS FINISHED
—40 Years Ago—
The last three of the 21 picket boats constructed by the Robinson Marine Construction company here for the United States coast guards for use as rum chasers will be sent to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., according to an announcement today by Glenn Robinson, head of the St. Joseph boat concern.

TO OPEN OFFICE
—50 Years Ago—
The Hercules Rim Tool company of Los Angeles, Calif., is opening a shipping room and office at 111 State street.

TO BUILD PAVILION
—50 Years Ago—
Israel Kremer of Coloma has the contract to build the \$40,000 pavilion at Forest Glen, Paw Paw lake, and expects to put a force of men to work at once upon the building, which will be one of the finest at the lake.

GIFTS IN
—50 Years Ago—
St. Joseph merchant's have extraordinarily large stocks of holiday goods this year and many large sales are already reported.

THE FAMILY LAWYER

Fair Warning

While a housewife was polishing her dining room table, the telephone rang in the kitchen. Although she was out of the room only a few minutes, her infant son managed to take a drink of the furniture polish. It was poisonous, and the child died.

In due course, the victim's parents filed a damage suit against the manufacturer of the polish. They charged that the label failed to warn how dangerous the polish was.

'FAIR WARNING'

True, the label did contain the words "May be harmful if swallowed." Nevertheless, the company was indeed held liable for the tragedy. The words were found to be too mild a warning for so deadly a product. Besides, they were placed in an obscure position on the package.

One of the common issues in product liability cases is whether the manufacturer has given the user "fair warning" of possible danger. Generally speaking, the warning should be as conspicuous and as urgent as the danger reasonably calls for.

To judge the adequacy of a particular warning, courts will weigh various factors. Thus: A label on paint, listing a dangerous ingredient, was held inadequate because the ingredient was described only by its chemical name, which few

BENNET CERF

Try And Stop Me

One of the most intriguing book titles of the year is Louise Huxtable's "Will They Ever Finish Bruckner Boulevard?" — two key chapters of which are labeled "The Decline and Fall of Public Buildings" and "New York, The Death-Wish City."

Miss Huxtable, no wearer of rose-colored glasses she, concedes that Man has reached the moon, but now that he's there, there's not the shadow of doubt that ultimately he'll make a mess of it!

Portland, Oregon's popular news analyst, John Salisbury, nominates as one of America's major afflictions, the "abominable no-man." "You say 'let's' to such a character," notes John, "and he answers 'let's not.' You say hey, here's an idea," he says "it won't work." Every time you say yes, he says no. You find him everywhere — in families, companies, clubs — even high in the running of the country. Doesn't he know — can't he learn —

DR. COLEMAN

..And Speaking Of Your Health

Is emphysema a new disease, and why are we hearing so much about it lately? Is it caused only by tobacco?

Mr. S.L.E., Iowa

Dear Mr. E.: Emphysema, a chronic lung condition, has been studied and known for a long time. In recent years, however, more knowledge about its cause has accumulated.

This mechanical enlargement of the air sacs of the lungs is unfortunately a condition that, once established, cannot be reversed or altered.

Medical attention is devoted to keeping the condition from becoming worse and to avoiding possible complications.

It becomes obvious, therefore, that emphasis must be placed on the prevention of this disabling chronic lung condition.

Smoking is not the only cause of emphysema. There are others. But it must not be assumed by smokers that because there are other causes of emphysema they automatically have the "go-ahead" signal to continue to expose themselves to this extreme danger.

Undoubtedly, pollution of the air by factory fumes, uncontrolled gases and waste products played an important role in the cause and progression of emphysema. Chronic bronchitis, tuberculosis, and a host of other lung conditions may set the stage for emphysema.

It is astonishing how negligent our legislators and industrialists

JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
AKQJ9
A6
74
AQ752

WEST
64
103
A10962
K1098

EAST
8752
9542
J53
443

SOUTH
A103
KQJ87
KQ8
76

The bidding:
1♥ Pass 2♣ Pass
2NT Pass 3♠ Pass
3NT Pass 6NT

Opening lead — ten of hearts. This celebrated hand occurred in the Spingold national team of four championship played in Miami Beach in 1958. It is notable chiefly because of a brilliant defensive play made by Sidney Lazard, of New Orleans, which contributed greatly to his team's victory that year.

At the first table, where Lazard's teammates were North-South, they arrived at six no-trump on the bidding shown.

South won the heart lead with the ace, cashed three more

RUTH RAMSEY

Today's Grab Bag

THE ANSWER QUICK!

1 — The first gas light in the White House was turned on during the administration of President James Polk. True or False?

2 — The Christmas savings club is how many years old?

3 — What was the name of the first million-dollar movie?

4 — Where was the first gorilla born in captivity in the U.S.?

5 — What was that gorilla's name?

BORN TODAY

Willa Cather, one of her critics said, was "an aristocrat in an egalitarian order, and an egalitarian writer in an aristocratic order, a defender of the spiritual graces in the midst of an increasingly material culture."

Willa Cather was born in Virginia in 1896. As a child, she was taken to Nebraska, a move that had a profound effect on her and later provided the setting for much of her finest work.

She worked as a newspaper-woman in Pittsburgh and as a teacher in Allegheny — a combination that showed up in her writing style. She joined the staff of "McClure's Magazine" in New York City after her newspaper woman-teacher career.

Her first novel was the story of an engineer, Bartley Alexander, caught between love for his wife and an actress he knew

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Lake Surf Puts On Wild Display

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Waves Reach 16 Feet

By RALPH LUTZ
Staff Writer
Gale force winds piling up
Lake Michigan waves to heights
of 16 feet, eroded beaches and
threatened a road and the water
plant in St. Joseph over the

weekend.
But it was more nature's
display than her vengeance.
Actual damage so far has
been minimal, according to
Gerald Hepler, St. Joseph
public works department super-

intendent.
Hepler said that as of
Sunday night, his department
had hauled nearly 200 truck
loads of rocks in the past 1½
weeks to fortify shorelines
against waves in needed areas.

SHEATHED IN ICE
Waves pounded away an embankment near the edge of Lake street near Park street. Warning flashers were erected, but the street was not closed. The city water plant at Lions beach was sheathed in ice after being pounded by waves.

Stonework used to protect the eroding bluff along Red Arrow highway in south St. Joseph held up well, despite shifting sand caused by the waves and winds, according to an official of the L.W. Lamb Co., contractors of the project.

The Lamb Co., based at Holland, has received a couple of calls from bluff area residents concerned with erosion, but said little damage from the current storms has been reported in this area.

The Lamb Co. noted that most current damage appears along the lake north of the Twin Cities, especially from South Haven northward and including Holland.

St. Joseph police said waves moved over the normal shore and rolled some 40 feet across a parking lot at Silver Beach, ripping away sections of snow fencing in the process.

BEACHES VANISH
While no homes were reported endangered, beaches, such as Tiscornia beach, had all but disappeared under the wave action.

Hepler cited high water levels, plus the winds and waves, but said beaches should be normal again by spring.

The U.S. Coast guard St. Joseph station reported that between midnight and 4 a.m. Friday, waves crested at 16 feet. Peaks of 12 feet Saturday and 11 feet Sunday were reported.

Winds were reported at about 45 miles an hour Friday, but diminishing Sunday night. Hepler said crews hauled rocks throughout Friday, Saturday and Sunday and will continue today and possibly tomorrow.

Report Cards Out At BHHS

David Hartenbach, principal of Benton Harbor high school, announced that report cards were to be handed out today to students in grades 9 through 12.

He holds a doctor of science degree in chemistry from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Goodgame and his wife, Elizabeth, and their son, Thomas H., Jr., live at 1203 Hillcrest avenue, St. Joseph. They plan to move next week to 4482 Winding lane, Stevensville. The son is a sophomore at Lakeshore high school.

Whirlpool Names Pollution Fighter

Has Corporation-Wide Responsibilities

Whirlpool Corp. has announced the appointment of Dr. Thomas H. Goodgame, 49, of St. Joseph, to the post of director of corporate environmental control.

Goodgame, a Whirlpool employee since 1964 and currently manager of engineering research, will report directly to Dr. E. Allen Baillif, vice president of research and engineering, and will be responsible for directing and coordinating all pollution control activities within the company.

His new assignment begins immediately.

HIS RESPONSIBILITIES
In announcing the appointment, Baillif said, "The standards toward which Dr. Goodgame will direct the corporation efforts in this area will include meeting or exceeding all local, state and federal requirements; seeing that all new facilities are designed for control of all foreseeable pollutants; developing provisions for regularly monitoring all pollution control systems in the company, and securing corrective action as necessary; and pre-treating liquid waste as necessary. This responsibility will also include cooperation with, and assistance to governmental agencies at all levels, including municipal, county, state and federal, in achieving mutually desired results in the broad aspects of pollution control."

President John Platts said of the appointment, "We are fortunate to have in Tom Goodgame a man exceptionally well qualified for this assignment, both through training and unusually broad experience."

Platts noted Whirlpool has spent \$2.76 million in the 1968-70 period for upgrading air purification and liquid waste control measures, with \$4.3 million programmed for 1971 and 1972.

Goodgame is now manager of engineering research with responsibility in gas and liquid filtration, combustion, reaction kinetics, absorption, equipment design, acoustics and related subjects.

He joined Whirlpool as a senior research engineer in environmental systems. He had previously been with the Cabot



DR. THOMAS GOODGAME

corporation as general manager of two chemical plants in which all aspects of environmental control were major responsibilities.

COLLEGE TEACHER
Previous to his plant manager assignments there he had held several engineering assignments in plant construction, including the design and installation of environmental control equipment, and also held comparable professional and technical assignments with Texas Butadine and Chemical corporation and with Aluminum Company of America. He has taught a variety of courses in pollution control and related areas at Georgia Institute of Technology and Louisiana Polytechnic institute.

He holds a doctor of science degree in chemistry from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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Jones Returned Officers Elected By Republicans

Atty. F. A. (Mike) Jones of Benton township was re-elected to a two-year term as chairman of the Berrien county Republican party executive committee.



ATTY. F. A. JONES

Also re-elected during the meeting Saturday at Benton Harbor Holiday Inn were Mrs. Martin (Bernice) Tretheway, Stevensville, vice chairman; and Mrs. George (Grace) Grosse, Three Oaks, secretary.

C. Winslow Henkle of Lakeside was elected treasurer. He succeeds Wayne Haisman of New Buffalo, who did not seek re-election.

Officers assume duties under the new terms on Jan. 1.

During the session, State Sen. Charles O. Zollar, Benton Harbor Republican and chairman of the Senate appropriations committee, reviewed what he termed a financial crisis facing the state during the coming year.

Members of the GOP executive committee were named during a recent party county convention. Members of the committee must meet within 30 days after Jan. 1 to name members of the GOP county committee. This group includes 180 members — two from each precinct in the county.

HEATH OPEN HOUSE: The Heath Co., St. Joseph, held open house for families of employees Saturday and nearly 3,000 persons attended the first event of its type for the plant, a maker of do-it-yourself electronic kits. Looking at newest product, a micro-wave oven, are, from left: Ray Freridge of the engineering department; Ron Wheeler of customer service; Hilda Worley of

scientific engineering; and Gary Kulkis, personnel. The oven can prepare hotdogs in about two minutes and a nine-pound turkey would require about 90 minutes. Oven is being introduced for Christmas. Heath, a division of Schlumberger, Ltd., employs about 1,200 persons in the St. Joseph plant on Hilltop road. (Staff photo)



DANGER SIGNALS: Lighted barricade along Lake street in St. Joseph, warn motorists of danger caused by wind-driven Lake Michigan waves up to 16 feet in height that eroded embankment. Rocks along water's edge were part of some 300 truckloads dumped over weekend by public works department. (Staff photo by Ralph Lutz)

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Tells Of Group's Growth Klan Chief Will Visit BH

From Associated Press
Ku Klux Klan leader Robert Shelton, who describes Michigan as the strongest klan state

outside the south, has scheduled a visit to Benton Harbor in the coming year.
Shelton, the imperial wizard

of the United Klans of America, the nation's dominant Ku Klux Klan organization, says he has booked a heavy schedule of appearances in the state next year including Benton Harbor, Grand Rapids, Flint and Muskegon.

Shelton, released from federal prison last year after serving a 10-month sentence for contempt of Congress, claims "the people of Michigan don't regard us as extreme radical crackpots anymore."

Law enforcement officials last week readily agreed with Shelton's claim. One police intelligence officer said, "The Klan is growing (in Michigan) and it's growing fast. There are an awful lot of cross-burnings now, though mostly ceremonial affairs."

The head of Detroit's Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Richard Lobenthal agrees with Shelton that the Klan has shown at least modest signs of growth in the state. The ADL keeps close tabs on Klan activity in the nation.

Lobenthal said the Klan is growing "in hard core strength" in Michigan, with an estimated membership this year of 2,000.

He credits Robert Miles of Howe, who became the state's grand dragon a year and a half ago, with giving the Michigan Klan new life. Miles, Lobenthal

said, is a "dynamic organizer." Explaining the state's Klan growth, Shelton said: "Why I can remember talking about the dangers of school integration. Now the schools are degenerating before our eyes. People are listening to the Klan. In Michigan, they're listening real, real good."

Pearl Harbor

Coloma Teacher Tells Of Attack

Ted Blahnik, Coloma high school athletic director, recounted his experiences at Pearl Harbor 29 years ago today in a talk before Benton Harbor Kiwanians.

The Kiwanis club utilized its noon luncheon program today to observe Pearl Harbor day. It was Dec. 7, 1941, when Japanese aircraft bombed the U.S. fleet in the Hawaiian harbor and launched the nation into World War II.

ABOARD SHIP
Blahnik was aboard the cruiser USS Helena, anchored in Pearl Harbor the Sunday morning of the attack.

Soon after the attack, Blahnik returned home on a short leave. He was reported to be Berrien county's first eyewitness of the attack to tell the story at home.

Blahnik described what he saw before Kiwanians. He also told of a later great adventure. About two years after Pearl Harbor was bombed, the Helena, with Blahnik again aboard, was sunk by Japanese near the Solomon islands in the Pacific.

After three days in the water, Blahnik was rescued by natives and given refuge in hiding on a Japanese-held island. He and buddies who escaped drowning were taken off the island after 10 days by U.S. destroyers.

Blahnik enlisted in the Navy in 1940 and served until 1946. He said the Pearl Harbor raid was unexpected, at least as far as the typical seaman was concerned, and lasted nearly two hours.

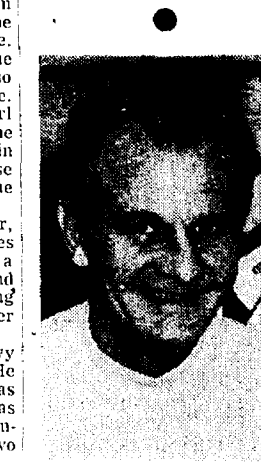
GREAT RECORD
The Helena was hit and

damaged in two engine rooms, but put into operating condition again. Before being sunk by an enemy destroyer in 1943, the Helena built a record of having sunk more enemy craft than any other surface ship in the Navy, Blahnik reported. He said the Helena fired 2,500 rounds of ammunition in her last battle.

Blahnik is a 1940 graduate of Coloma high school. He was graduated from Western Michigan university in 1950. Because of years in service, Blahnik said, "I graduated from high school in 1940, but it took me 10 years to get my college degree."

Today, Blahnik combines athletic director duties at Coloma with work as shop teacher.

TED BLAHNIK
29 years later



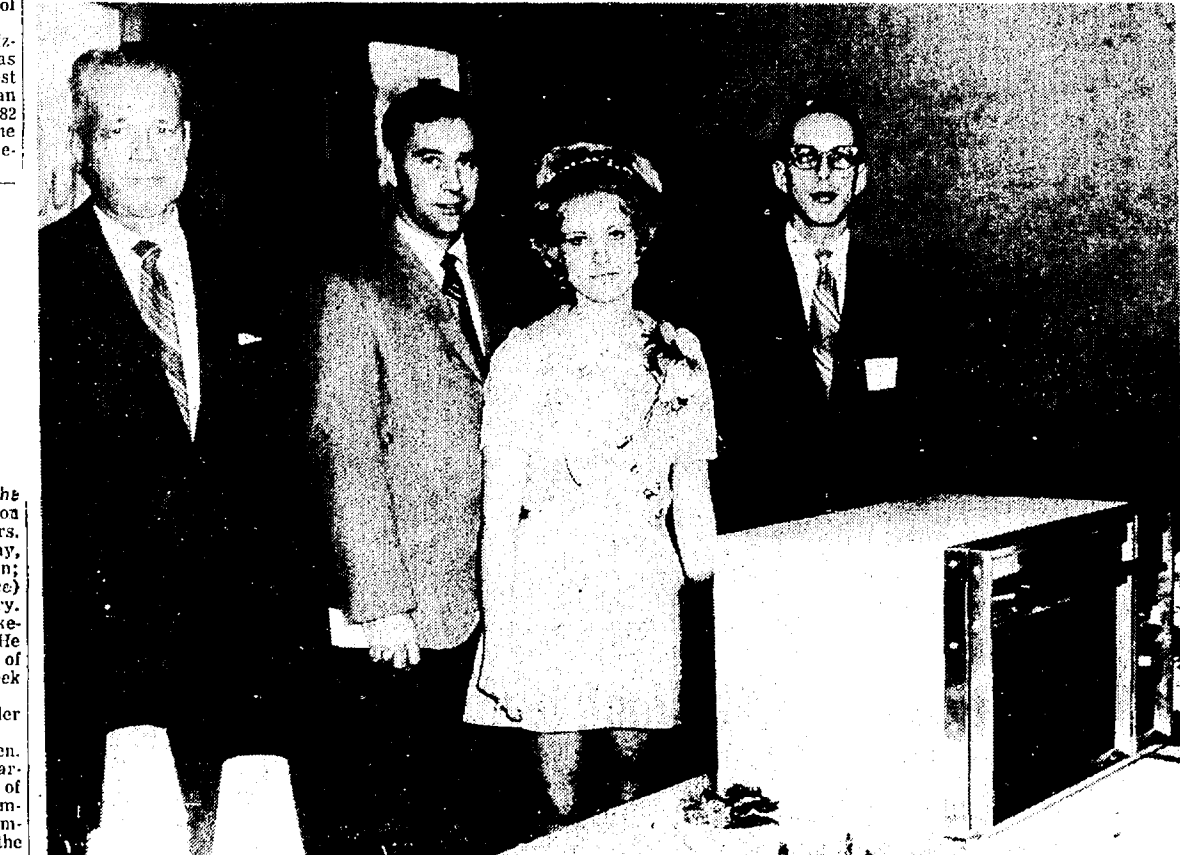
Mercy Mission Officer Flattens The Wrong Door

Benton township police said Patrolman Dave Parsons knocked down the door to a house on Whitney avenue Friday to rescue an apparent heart attack victim.

But it was the wrong house.
Police said the error occurred because they were given the wrong house number. They were given the number by a telephone caller who had been talking to the victim when the victim fainted.

Parsons said he rapped on the door a couple of times and then forced it open when no one answered. The woman of the house was approaching the door when it swung open. She said the victim lived across the street.

Parsons said the victim had recovered and was taken to the hospital by her husband.
The woman with the broken door said she didn't mind. She would want police to break in if she were sick, she said.



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Workmen Clear Coloma Tracks

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10 Cars Of Train Derail

COLOMA — Chesapeake and Ohio railroad tracks at Coloma were expected to be reopened to train traffic this afternoon after a 10-car train derailment Sunday afternoon stopped all trains between Grand Rapids and Chicago.

The derailment occurred about 4:55 p.m. about 150 yards from crossing in Coloma.

Fred Costello of Detroit, a C & O spokesman, who said the tracks were expected to be cleared this afternoon, estimated damage to the railroad cars and tracks at about \$48,000. He said this included \$42,000 damage to the cars and \$6,000 damage to the tracks. There were no injuries.

The 65-car freight train was

headed from Grand Rapids to Chicago when the derailment occurred. Coloma police officers said they believe the derailment was caused by frozen brakes on one car.

Castello said however no cause for the derailment had yet been determined and the railroad was waiting for a report from its mechanical crews. The train had stopped earlier in Hartford for brake trouble.

Passengers taking the Chicago-Grand Rapids run which passes through Coloma were bused around the wreckage scene.

The derailed cars, Castello said, were right out of the middle of the train. He said all

the cars were loaded with automobile parts.

In the derailment, four cars landed in the gully alongside the tracks, one car landed over the tracks, and two were left elevated off the tracks. The other remained upright.

The car which may have caused the derailment remained attached to the train and was dragged along the inner rail for about 300 yards until the train engineer Robert Pitsch of Grand Rapids was able to stop the train.

KEPT HITTING TIES

The box car coupler, the only remaining portion of the back wheels, apparently kept hitting the new railroad ties placed along the tracks and kept it from leaving the main line. By staying on the tracks, the car did not falter preventing it from striking Badt's Pharmacy, located adjacent to the tracks.

The train engineer estimated the train was traveling about 30 miles per hour when the derailment occurred.

Wrecking crews were called in from Grand Rapids and additional equipment was sent from Fort Wayne, Ind.

Several residents of the area reported they heard strange noises when the train was passing their homes, but said they were unaware of what had happened until later.



TRACKS BLOCKED: Chesapeake and Ohio railroad tracks remained blocked this morning after 10 of 65 cars in freight train derailed Sunday afternoon near main crossing in Coloma. C&O officials said derailment shut off all train traffic between Grand Rapids and Chicago. Tracks were expected to be cleared

and opened this afternoon, railroad officials said. Fred Costello of Detroit, C&O spokesman, said total damage to tracks and cars totaled \$48,000. C&O crews were called in from Grand Rapids to clear and repair tracks. (Staff photo)

Oil Lamp Overturms; House Badly Burned

Benton township firemen said fire from an oil lamp caused \$2,800 damage to a house and its contents Sunday at 301 Margaret avenue. The house was occupied by Bessie Williams.

Lt. Bill Klemm said the oil lamp was sitting in a hallway and fell over. Fire spread to a mattress in the attic and caused damage to wiring and rafters before it was extinguished.

Hartford Voting Tuesday On School

HARTFORD — A \$2,435,000 bond issue proposal for financing construction of a middle school here goes on the line Tuesday for the second time this year.

Voters in the school district will go to the polling place in the high school, between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m., to cast ballots in

the special referendum. The first try was rejected in June 1969.

NEW CONCEPT

The school board administration said the new school is needed to alleviate crowded classroom conditions and provide a new educational con-

cept. The building would be for fifth through eighth graders and have 22 classrooms. It would be located on a 22-acre site with the high school and North Elementary schools.

The new plant would be designed to permit team teaching and the addition of enrichment

type instruction for the students. Junior high students from the high school building and fifth and sixth graders would be shifted into the new building.

School officials said the need for the space is seen in the enrollment at the district's

existing schools. The North Elementary has 497 students and requires two portable classrooms in addition to its regular rooms.

At the South elementary school, the officials said, 548 students are housed in a facility designed for 350. Six portable classrooms have been added

there to ease the pressure.

The high school, designed for 700 students has an enrollment of 686.

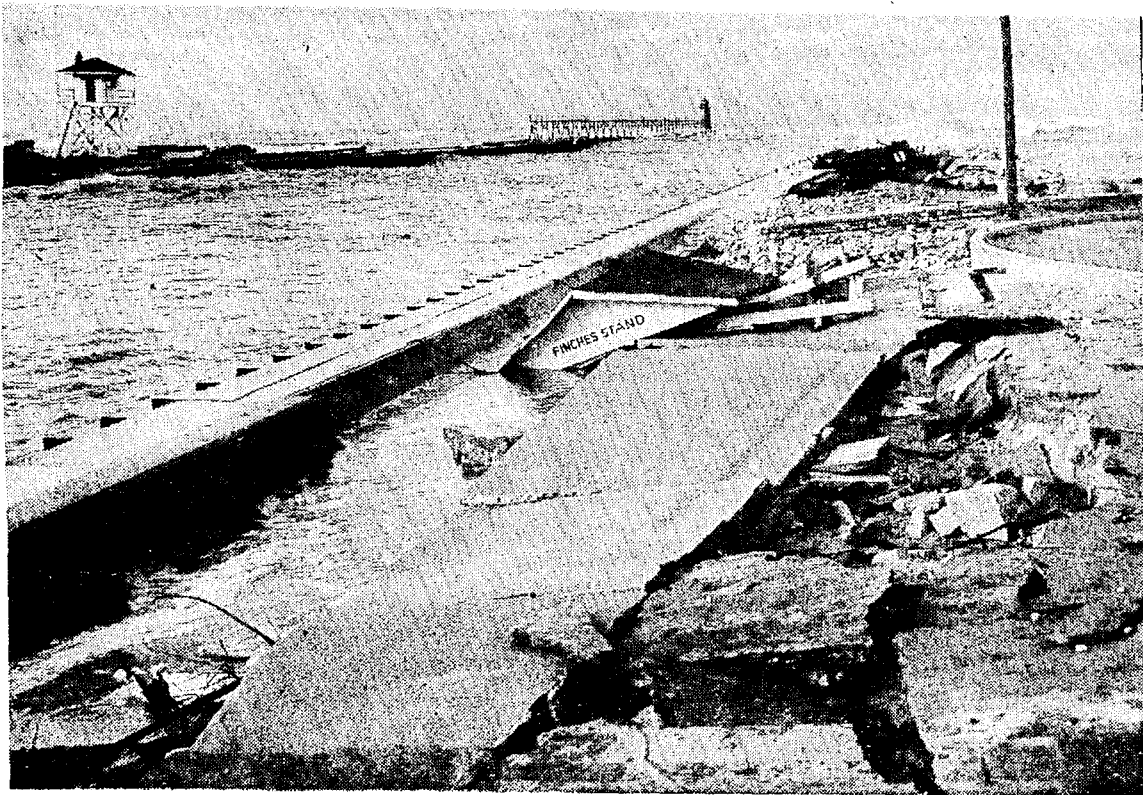
In five years, the officials said enrollment has gone from 1,446 to 1,731 students in all grades. Future projections show the growth will continue, they

STATE AID HELPS

If approved, the bond issue would require about a 4.3 mill rate to repay the annual bond payments. Local property owners would be required to pay 2.5 mills of the rate. The balance would be financed under a state aid formula,

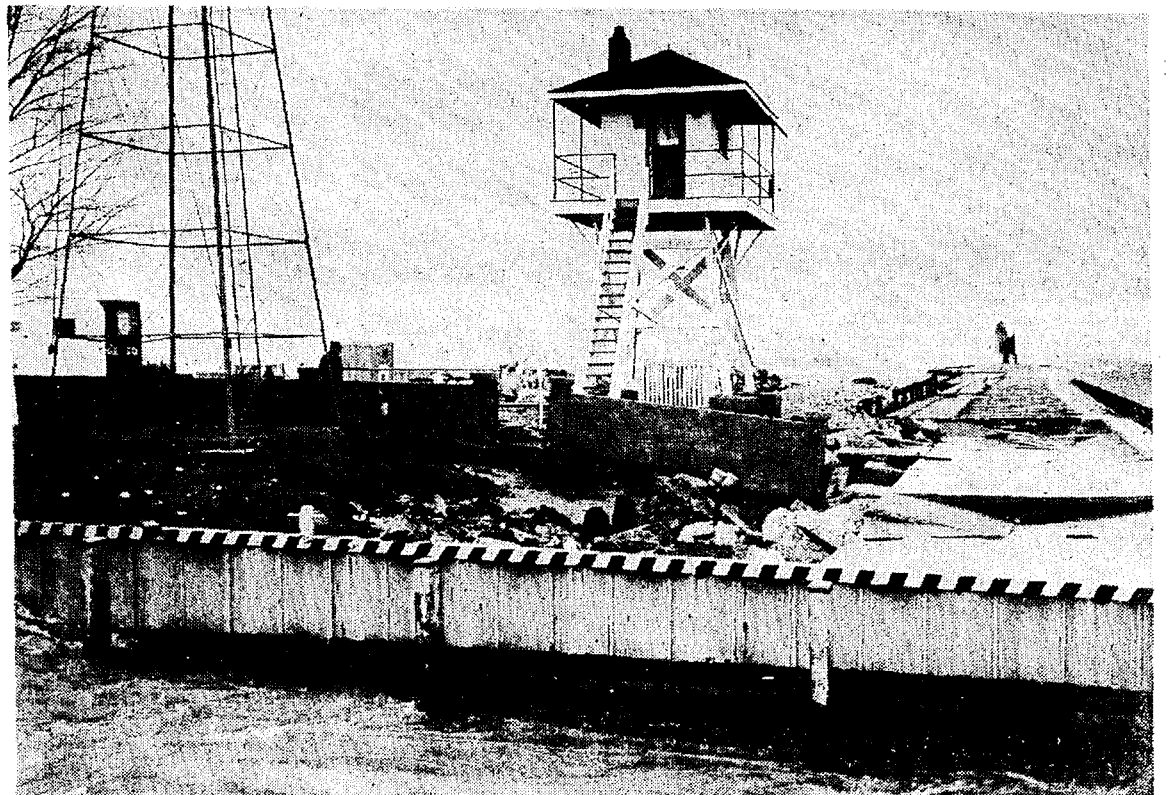
according to the school officials.

A mill is equal to \$1 for each \$1,000 of taxable property value. The balloting in Hartford is one of three being held in southwestern Michigan Tuesday. The other two are in the Berrien county districts of Berrien Springs and Eau Claire.



NATURE'S WRATH: A wood concession stand on South Haven's north beach, left, was knocked down and other damage caused to the beach in water surge which hit since Friday. South pier at mouth

of river at Lake Michigan, right, shows signs of pounding from 20-25 foot waves. River bank for quarter mile up was damaged and some officials were placing dollar figure at up to \$500,000 today.



The surge was caused by a combination of current and wind on Lake Michigan. An office and warehouse of lumber company located upstream from the mouth were threatened with slipping into water

when the surge washed away 30-foot bumper and attacked building foundations. Corners were supported over the weekend to keep buildings from falling. (Tom Renner photos)

Lucky Growers Get State Housing Aid

By STEVE McQUOWN

PAW PAW — A state health department representative here has urged growers who are to receive state aid to renovate migrant housing to complete the renovations and claim the grants before May 15.

Robert Kaukola, Paw Paw, a Southwestern Michigan sanitarian and agricultural camp inspector, was referring to about \$131,970 allocated to Region 1, which includes Berrien, Branch, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph and Van Buren counties.

He said 59 area growers were allocated grants before the region's money ran out. The region had about one fourth of the state's \$500,000 to allocate.

Other growers, whose applications were sent in but who were not drawn in an October lottery which established priority, are waiting, Kaukola said.

For that reason, he said, growers who received grants should either use or provide notification that the money won't be used before surplus funds must be returned to the state's general fund at the end

of the fiscal year.

The money is to be used by the growers to bring migrant facilities in line with minimum health department standards.

FUNDS MATCHED

The grower matches the grant amount with his own money for the improvement project.

Kaukola said the grant money remains with the state until the grower, through receipts, has proven the projected work has been completed.

Kaukola said that farmers who were not selected in the lottery drawing for grant aid

this year, are to be put on a priority list for the coming year.

But he said there has been no assurance to his department that such a program will be again funded next year.

Here is a list of area growers and the amount of the grant they are to receive once migrant cabin construction or renovation has been properly documented:

Don Wendzel, Watervliet, \$4,615; Walter A. Skibbe, Eau Claire, \$1,700; Holle Orchards, Eau Claire, \$5,000; Art Scherer,

Watervliet, \$475; Robert A. Weber, Benton Harbor, \$750; Gene W. Kays, Hartford, \$1,012; Harold First, Dowagiac, \$500;

Virgil Bradford, Watervliet, \$1,053; John Diliak, Paw Paw, \$755; George N. Malos, Coloma, \$3,900; Kenneth N. Hodgman, Grand Junction, \$1,000; L. and Don Stover, Berrien Springs, \$1,475; Donald Drake, Hartford, \$2,450; Arthur Simmons, Lawrence, \$949; David Kugel, Berrien Springs, \$1,038; Alton C. Wendzel, Watervliet, \$5,000;

Fred M. Pugsley, Paw Paw, \$1,400; Carleton and Douglas

Eppie, Watervliet, \$3,872; Joseph Simko, Berrien Center, \$1,200.

GROWERS LISTED
George Wuske, Eau Claire, \$2,550; Norman Wendzel, Hartford, \$928; Century Farms, Paw Paw, \$4,704; E. K. Soll, Lawrence, \$1,925; Donald Kalina, Benton Harbor, \$1,299; Harold Breidling, Berrien Center, \$2,000; Irving Ruff, Eau Claire, \$545; Roy Latchaw, Bloomingdale, \$5,000; Fred Calderwood, Berrien Springs, \$4,952; James Friday, Coloma, \$3,325; Charles Muvrin, Paw Paw, \$4,900; L.J.

Calay, Berrien Springs, \$758; Talver Hill Farm, St. Joseph, \$5,000; Walter Rich and Son, Baroda, \$625; Max Rogalski, Sodus, \$610 Leo Pruczka, Sodus, \$1,725; Paul Rood, Covert, \$4,925; Milton Marschke, Berrien Springs, \$4,837; Gordon Will-

Clayton Layman, Berrien Center, \$1,425; Bahn Bros., Benton Harbor, \$2,587; John Burbach, Eau Claire, \$5,000; John Scherer, Hartford, \$5,000; Richard Furness, Decatur, \$5,000; Louis Kerlikowski, Coloma, \$724; A. F. Murch Co., Paw,

\$5,000; Henry Prillwitz, Berrien Springs, \$389; Harold Simmons, Lawrence, \$1,192; Skyline Orchards, Bangor, \$2,981; Robert Canfield, Decatur, \$625; Louis Eckoff, Coloma, \$2,200; A. J. Falkner, Decatur, \$4,975; Mrs. Jerry Mandigo, Paw Paw, \$1,390; John Prokapechuck, Eau Claire, \$900; Charles A. Rajjal, Grand Junction, \$558; Hilltop Orchards, Hartford, \$2,025; Merl Edwards, Eau Claire, \$300; John Timmreth, Berrien Center, \$1,107; David Geisler, Watervliet, \$1,075; and James

Scherer, Dowagiac, \$1,500.